

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “Thankful Baptist Church on the occasion of its 164th Anniversary”

WHEREAS, Thankful Baptist Church, organized by a group of slaves on April 26, 1840, was originally a framed building called Independent Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Thankful Baptist Church, derived from its mother church Springfield Baptist Church, was the second black church established in Augusta, Georgia, with its first pastor being Reverend Samuel Bell; and

WHEREAS, Thankful Baptist Church remains at its original location on the corner of Walker and Third Streets, its history demonstrates many changed and transformed lives; and

WHEREAS, Thankful Baptist Church has coordinated a 164th Anniversary celebration that will move its members into a more spiritual walk with Christ.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2004, as “THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and do hereby call upon all citizens to recognize Thankful Baptist Church in its 164 years of faithful Christian service to the Augusta area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 22nd day of August 2004.

Mayor